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Friends,

Superheroes, princesses, fairies, pirates, zombies, ghosts and more.

Today is a day that anyone can be anything they can imagine. Halloween is a time when a child's dream or scary nightmares are realized.

This week, was a great week for our aspirations for a better community. A place where all of us can have less blight and cleaner streets where our children can enjoy a holiday such as today in safety.

On Tuesday, the City Council approved \$5 million for cleaner streets citywide, which was my motion that I submitted one year ago. I have worked on our "Keep It Clean" campaign since day one and have removed 3.3 million pounds of garbage off our streets. Now, what has turned into a pilot program in the First District is being taken citywide with a new budget line item that will focus on cleaning our street and sidewalks of bulky items.

This week, also continued to fight blight in our neighborhoods as the City Council adopted my enforcement measures in the Foreclosure Registry.

This ordinance will not only hold banks accountable for homes that

remain empty in our neighborhoods, but it will insure a greater quality of life for our neighborhoods.

Team Cedillo wishes you a Happy and Safe Halloween and rest assured that we are working hard at making our community is #1, a reality.

Gilbert A. Cedillo  
Councilmember, First District

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **City Charter Amendment Municipal Elections**

Today, I voted to support bringing to the voters an amendment to the City Charter to change City and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) municipal election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in the year 2020. The current system fails us, the majority of the population doesn't participate and is left out of our democracy. Therefore it is incumbent for us to change it.

The City Charter amendment will be tentatively schedule to be on the March 2015 ballot once City Council approves the final motion.

### **Foreclosure Registry Enforcement**

This week, we moved my motion in Council to amend the Foreclosure Registry Ordinance to include a new proactive inspection fee. The new fee of \$356 will be imposed on properties at real estate owned (REO) stage, and will allow building & safety inspectors to go out and inspect vacant properties. Failure to comply with any aspects of the ordinance will result in a \$250.00 daily penalty not to exceed \$100,000 per property.

This inspection fee will give us enforcement measures to prevent

blight in our city and ensure a greater quality of life for residents. This ordinance will continue to hold the banks accountable for foreclosed homes that remain empty in our neighborhoods.

The Foreclosure Registry Program has been in effect since July 2010, in which requires banks to register properties upon filing a notice of default, yet the registry did not have enforcement measure to prevent blight of foreclosed homes. There has been 35,831 foreclosed homes on the registry from 2010 to 2014, of which 7,330 were registered this year.

The ordinance is expected to be adopted by the City Council on November 12 and will be in effect 30 days after.

### **Keep it Clean LA**

Tuesday in City Council, we approved my motion that creates a new budget line item of \$5 million to a new Clean Streets Plan to combat illegal dumping throughout L.A. This was my motion I moved forward a year ago as part of our Keep It Clean campaign, which we collected 3.3 million pounds of garbage off the streets of our district.

### **Clean Streets LA**

Today in Council, we introduced a motion that instructed the City Administrative Office to develop a "Clean Streets LA" strategy and report back in 60 days on how to clean up our neighborhoods by better coordinating city services.

This motion is a continuance of our "Keep It Clean" campaign in which we will begin to develop a SANSTAT that is a data driven program to help the City better allocate resources for trash pickup in the near future.

## **Minimum Wage**

Our motion on raising the minimum wage was heard in the Economic Development committee on Tuesday, which we are a member. We had a lively discussion on how to best raise the minimum wage in the City of Los Angeles. Our committee decided to do have an analysis conducted by an outside entity in order to fully understand the economic impacts of raising the minimum wage \$13.25 or \$15.25.

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Grammy Museum Youth Music Education**

Team Cedillo partnered with The Grammy Museum to create the Council District One Education Program. The program ended last Saturday with a musical performance by the students showcasing the songs that they have re-written along with original songs they created. The music education program was a six week training by the Grammy Museum that included lessons on music history, songwriting and journaling.

We want to acknowledge of the students who participated and wish them the best.

### **Keep It Clean – MacArthur Park**

In January 2014, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Los

Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina and Los Angeles City Council Member Gil Cedillo partnered to increase efforts to address issues related to litter and beautification around MacArthur Park that is a continuance of our “Keep It Clean” campaign.

Through community organizing, the partnership has created park and area community clean ups throughout the past year, organized residents to become clean ambassadors, established cultural and recreational programming to make the park more accessible to residents, and increase park safety.

### **Safe Moves at Latona Elementary in Montecito Heights**

Team Cedillo and the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council sponsored, “Safe Moves Day” at Latona Elementary School in Montecito Heights this past Saturday. Over 100 families came to cheer on the students learn safety rules while riding a bike and crossing the street.

Some of the students learn to ride a bike for the first time; It was a fun event and educational for everyone including parents. Public Safety is a priority for Team Cedillo!

(Photo Credit: Martha Benedict)

### **Carnival of the Howlin' Wolves at Mt. Washington Elementary**

On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Washington PTA kicked off another successful Carnival of the Howlin’ Wolves. This PTA event is one of the kids’ favorites and featured classroom game booths, pumpkin decorating, live music, kids art activities, cool raffle prizes, delicious food trucks and many treats. And of course you couldn't miss the howlin’ haunted house! Over 200 families attended the fabulous

and fun event to raise money for the organization! Councilmember Cedillo is proud to support this annual event and worthwhile fundraising event! Congratulations to all the parents and staff who worked on this event.

### **Kite Hill Clean up in Mt. Washington**

Robert Leventer and his neighbors organized a trash clean-up on Kite Hill in Mt. Washington on Sunday. The hill is popular for flying kites because of the beautiful views, open space and hillside advantages! Our “Keep It Clean” campaign continues in Mt. Washington!

(Photo Credit: Robert Leventer)

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **Plaza de la Raza Dia de Los Muertos**

### **Mujeres de la Tierra Community Fundraiser**

### **24th Street Theatre - 8th Annual Dia de los Muertos**

### **Education Forum**

## Veterans Day Celebration

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